

Villabrille, Alfredo Villanueva, Millie Wellington, and Rodney Yadao.

These individuals stand out among their peers having truly made a positive difference. I extend my congratulations and best wishes to our honorees and their families.

TRIBUTE TO SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY COLLEGE

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize San Bernardino Valley College. This academic year, the campus celebrates its 80th anniversary.

San Bernardino Valley College was founded in 1926, when 140 students met at San Bernardino or Colton High Schools for classes. Later that year, construction began in the city of San Bernardino on a campus that would come to educate 700,000 students and play a central role in the growth of Inland southern California.

San Bernardino Valley College has educated generations of the region's future leaders and workforce. Over the years, San Bernardino Valley College has anticipated and planned for the changes that took place in California and our Nation. During World War II, the campus played an instrumental role in assisting with the war effort. In the years following the war, a number of celebrities visited the campus, and in 1947 the campus hosted the Bob Hope show that featured Desi Arnaz, his orchestra, and others. In 1950, the campus played a central role in the race for U.S. Senate, hosting senatorial candidates Richard Nixon and Helen Gahagan Douglas.

San Bernardino Valley College also has worked to meet the ever-changing needs of a diverse population. The civil rights era brought forth increased cultural awareness, and the campus responded by hosting diversity programs. Today the campus has an enrollment of over 12,000 students, three quarters of which are non-White students. The campus is recognized as a Hispanic Serving Institution by the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, HACU, and continues to receive title V funding for its pursuit of ethnic diversity.

In the past 80 years, technology has also impacted education. Faculty and staff have worked to help San Bernardino Valley College grow and adapt to this ever-growing need. College classes and degree programs are now offered not only on campus but at alternative community sites and on television and the Internet. The campus has also responded to today's need for quality science education and important student services.

San Bernardino Valley College has produced influential leaders in California and abroad, with prestigious alumni emerging each year. Dr. Charles Young attended Valley College before and after serving in the Korean war and went on to become the youngest chancellor of a University of California campus at age 36, taking charge

of UCLA from 1968 until 1997, completing the longest tenure of any University of California chancellor. Judith Valles, former mayor of the city of San Bernardino, attended Valley College and served as both faculty and staff on campus. Graduating in 1966, Dr. Yolanda Moses went on to serve as the president of the City College of New York and was named the 74th president of the American Anthropological Association. And graduating as a business administration major in 1959, Jack Brown went on to become the president and CEO of Stater Bros. Markets, one of the Nation's largest supermarket chains.

Today San Bernardino Valley College can look back on a proud history of growth and change in the San Bernardino Valley and California. I applaud the service and dedication of the faculty, staff, and students of San Bernardino Valley College as they celebrate 80 years of improving lives and education to the people of the Inland Empire and southern California.

IN MEMORIAM: MARY BOURDETTE

• Mrs. CLINTON. Mr. President, on Tuesday, September 5, our Nation lost a great American and our Nation's children lost a great friend and advocate in Mary Bourdette.

Mary Bourdette was a woman who dedicated her working life to improving the lives of children and families. As a public interest advocate and public servant, she played critical roles in the enactment of the Act for Better Child Care, the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Adoption and Safe Families Act, the expansions of the earned-income tax credit, and the child care and development block grant. She worked to improve the Head Start Program by increasing funds dedicated to strengthening its quality and maintaining its comprehensive approach to helping our poorest children and families. Most recently, I had the pleasure of partnering with Mary in her capacity as director of government relations for Parents Action for Children to highlight the dangers to children of exposure to violent and explicit video games.

Those of us fortunate enough to have worked closely with Mary Bourdette and to have enjoyed her friendship will dearly miss her keen understanding of policy, her gentle manner and humor. Mary seemed to wake up every day believing that it held an opportunity to make the world better for children.

For her passion, commitment, and service, our country owes Mary Bourdette a great debt of gratitude. We have lost a caring, creative, and effective ally in our work to protect children and empower their families.

ROLLA NOLTING McCLANAHAN

• Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to a wonderful Ohioan who has recently been ill. Rolla Nolting

McClanahan never asked for anything special, but she deserves to be recognized today for the years she has spent generously serving others. Throughout her life, Rolla has been a productive, giving member of her community who quietly contributed a great deal both to her hometown of Cincinnati, and to her home county, Hamilton County. Rolla is the kind of American who makes up the backbone of our country.

Rolla is the beloved wife of Donald E. McClanahan, mother of Michele L. McClanahan, and sister of John A. Nolting.

As a student, Rolla was very bright. She graduated with honors from both Withrow High School and the University of Cincinnati, where she was active in Mortar Board, Delta Delta Delta, the Cincinnati Society, and the Union Committee.

After graduation, Rolla became involved in her community as a member of Kindervelt, a volunteer organization that serves as the largest auxiliary of Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. She was also Chairman of the Board of Directors of Deaconesses of the Mt. Washington Presbyterian Church and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Tri Deltas House Board Corporation.

Since 1973, Rolla has been a Salvation Army volunteer for the Salvation Army Federation of Women's Auxiliaries, where she served in several official positions, including President of the Board and President of the Toy Shop Auxiliary. In 1987, she was a featured speaker at the Salvation Army's National Advisory Organization Conference in Dallas. In May of 1993, she was presented with the William Booth Award, bestowed by the Salvation Army for commitment and dedication.

Mr. President, Rolla Nolting McClanahan is a wonderful person who has spent a great deal of her life working to improve the lives of those less fortunate. Today, I want to thank Rolla for her selflessness and commitment to others, and wish her well.●

TRIBUTE TO JOHN PARRY

• Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, today I congratulate my friend John Parry on his retirement after 16 years as director of athletics at Butler University.

Since joining Butler in 1990, John has overseen a remarkable period of growth and success, adding three varsity athletic teams and winning the Horizon League James J. McCafferty Trophy for all-sports excellence for the first time and on five subsequent occasions. During this time, Butler also witnessed extraordinary success in the classroom, leading the Horizon League in the number of student-athletes named to the academic honor roll 9 out of the last 10 years. In 2003 he was recognized as National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics I-AA/I-AAA Athletic Director of the Year for the Central Region.

John's leadership has extended beyond Butler University. He is a past

president of the Pioneer Football League and past chair of the NCAA Division I Men's Lacrosse Committee. Especially important in the Indianapolis community, he served as a cochairman of the Local Organizing Committee for the 1997, 2000, and 2006 NCAA Men's Final Four and the 2005 NCAA Women's Final Four.

Personally, I have enjoyed working closely with John each year as Butler hosts the annual Dick Lugar Run and Walk. John's enthusiasm has ensured the success of this special tradition as so many from all over central Indiana come together to enjoy a day of competition and fitness.

I appreciate this opportunity to congratulate John, and I look forward to many more opportunities to work closely with him as he pursues new challenges and adventures.

ANGELS OF ADOPTION

• Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, later this month, the Congressional Coalition on Adoption will host a gala to honor individuals from across the country that have contributed greatly to programs that strive to keep our most vulnerable children safe and healthy in permanent homes.

I am proud to be a member of the Congressional Coalition and this event marks a true celebration for individuals we call Angels of Adoption. The Angel of Adoption awards recognize individuals who are dedicated to the welfare of children. It should be noted that our "Angels" often forgo lucrative positions in law firms and other private sector work because of their commitment to provide legal protection for thousands of children.

This year I am delighted to honor Mary Ellen Griffith as our West Virginia Angel of Adoption. Mary Ellen Griffith is the founder and past director of ChildLaw Services in Princeton, WV. Ms. Griffith has earnestly provided policy and legal advocacy for West Virginia children during her tenure as a legal service lawyer. Her direct representation of children has been complimented by faculty appointments to university programs where she has lectured on topics such as family law, guardianship, and custody issues. She certainly is well prepared for her recent appointment as a family law judge. Her work on the bench will offer the court the high level knowledge, experience and sensitivity required to safeguard the well-being of children.

I am well aware that the essential efforts of the courts can go unrecognized. But I maintain a very high regard for the courts because they regularly play a vital role in adoption and child protection. That is why I introduced the We Care Kids Act with Senator Mike DeWine of Ohio last year, and was proud when it was incorporated into the law earlier this year. This act now gives our local courts the necessary resources and training through Federal grants issued by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Dedicated judges like Mary Ellen Griffith will play a pivotal role in prompting adoptions and working to ensure that our most vulnerable children are safe, healthy and have a permanent home.●

MAYOR BOB O'CONNOR

• Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, today in sadness I acknowledge the passing of a fine man, a great Pennsylvanian, a life-long Pittsburgher, Robert E. O'Connor, Jr., mayor of Pittsburgh.

Bob O'Connor loved Pittsburgh. He was born in Pittsburgh, graduated from the city's Taylor Allderdice High School in 1962, and lived, with his wife Judy, in Squirrel Hill for 41 years. Like so many Pittsburgh sons, Bob began his working life in the steel mills, where he worked for 5 years before moving on, entering the family restaurant business. After 29 years in the private sector, Bob decided to enter the public square, and was elected to Pittsburgh's City Council in 1991.

In a testament to both his effectiveness as a city legislator and the professional manner in which he always conducted himself, Bob became City Council President 7 years after he first joined the Council. For 5 years, he served Pittsburgh as its highest ranking legislative official, resigning only when Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell tapped Bob to serve, as the face of his administration in the southwestern Pennsylvania. Two years later, in November of 2005, Bob was elected the 58th mayor of Pittsburgh.

There was much he sought to do as mayor, much he had planned for our proud city. Tragically, he never got the chance. Merely 7 months after he took office, Bob O'Connor was diagnosed with brain cancer. He immediately began to undergo aggressive treatment, working to get healthy enough to return to serving his city. Sadly, his illness progressed, and on September 1, Mayor O'Connor passed away.

Today, September 7, Mayor Bob O'Connor was laid to rest in Pittsburgh, the city he served for 15 years, the city he loved his whole life. I joined his family, his friends, and many others at his funeral service, paying our last respects to a man taken from us far too soon.

Robert E. O'Connor, Jr., survived by his wife, Judy, and three children, will be sorely missed. May God bless the entire O'Connor family during this difficult time.●

CONSTITUTION WEEK

• Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, today I wish to acknowledge the Fort Miro Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Monroe, LA. Beginning September 17 and ending September 23, this great organization will observe its annual Constitution Week. Today, I'd like to spend a few moments highlighting the importance of their efforts.

The Daughters of the American Revolution petitioned Congress in 1955 to set aside a week to celebrate the Constitution. Thanks to their petition, Congress through a joint resolution on August 2, 1956, requested that the president declare September 17 to 23 as Constitution Week.

This week sets out to emphasize citizens' responsibilities for protecting and defending the Constitution, inform people that the Constitution is the basis for America's great heritage, and encourage the study of the historical events surrounding its framing in September 1787.

This year on September 17 at 3:00 pm, this long-time chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will participate in "Bells Across America" to commemorate the signing of the Constitution and to recognize all citizens of the United States of America.

I applaud the Daughters of the American Revolution for their continued dedication to celebrating the importance of the Constitution through education and activism. Moreover, I commend the Fort Miro Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Monroe, LA, for doing this fine work on behalf of the State of Louisiana.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:10 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 3534. An act to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to provide for a YouthBuild program.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2491. An act to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to authorize States to restrict receipt of foreign municipal solid waste and implement the Agreement Concerning the Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Waste between the United States and Canada, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2808. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the bicentennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

The message further announced that pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 2103(b), and the